



SFOS May Membership Meeting

Wednesday, May 18, 2011

Fire Fighters Memorial Building, 8000 NW 21 St., Miami, FL 33122

8:00 PM Program beings

This month we will have "Get Growing Demonstrations" by our own members who are outstanding growers. Betty Eber will speak on Vandas, Sandy Schultz will speak about Renantheras, and Joan Viggiani will talk on Paphiopedilums. We hope you will join us and bring your friends to learn some new growing tips.

We will also hold our annual election for our 2011-2012 Board of Directors. Please attend and show your support for our hard working Board. And don't forget to bring your plants for SFOS judging.

SFOS DATES TO REMEMBER

- **Wednesday, June 15th** – Ruben Sauleda will present our program and we will have our Annual Awards and Installation Ceremony.

President's Message

Dear South Florida Orchid Society members:

How beautiful our room looked at the Auction last month! Flowering plants filled the whole room thanks to generous donations from local and international growers, as well as our own membership. A big thanks go to Dan Christensen and Lou Lodyga for their participation as our auctioneers; both gentlemen were entertaining and effective in promoting bidding wars! Thank you to Carol De Biase, our Program Chair for gathering the orchids, and to Ralph Hernandez and Javier Morejon for their assistance during the evening. This Auction is our main fundraiser for our club, and I thank all of you for coming. Of course, we were all winners, leaving with an assortment of beautiful treasures at bargain prices!

Be sure to attend our May meeting when we will vote on our new slate of officers. The new slate is as follows:

President: Sally Taylor

1st VP: Judith Mezey

2nd VP: Carol De Biase

Sec. Julie Rosenberg

Treasurer: Dorothy Bennett

Board Member...3 year term: Christa Collins, Erna Maxwell, Kathy Whalen

Board Member...2 year term (replacing Joan Viggiani): Javier Morejon

Board Member...1 year term (replacing Maria Wood): Angelica Ruggeri

In addition to our elections, we will have one of my favorite meetings. It is a Get Growing demonstration by some of our members who are outstanding growers. We will all leave the program with new knowledge and growing tips. Betty Eber will speak on Vandas, Sandy Schultz will speak about Renantheras, and Joan Viggiani will talk on Paphiopedilums. It was Joan's advice that helped me so much with my Paphs, after many years of disappointments (and yes, it is blooming again this year!) Who knows, I may even buy another one!

Hope to see you all at our May meeting.

Good growing,

Judy

SFOS Orchid Auction Recap

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the many vendors and SFOS members who helped make this year's auction a resounding success. Without everyone's help, participation and the generosity of all those who gave, we would not have had such a successful auction.

The vendors who so generously donated plants were: OFE, RF Orchids, Ruben in Orchids, St. Germain, Soroa, Sally's Alley, Carmela, Dan & Margie Orchids, Mickey's Orchids, Coconut Orchids, Orchids by Allison, Whimsy, Norman's Orchids, J & L Orchids, H & R Orchids, Henington Farms, Oak Hill and Carib Plants. I also want to thank the members who so generously brought plants: Judy Mezey, Danny & Barbara Lutz, David Foster, Gene Stevens, Christa Collins, Joan & Tony Viggiani.. Thank you, Marlene Clark for putting out a wonderful spread of food and Sandy Schultz who helped record the bids. Lou Lodyga and Dan Christensen our wonderful auctioneers who always make this event fun, Ellen Hanson who help behind the scenes in calling all the vendors and volunteers, and getting all the correspondence done for me. Sally Taylor, Joan Viggiani and Tony Viggiani, who went and got the plants from the vendors in Broward County and being our cashiers, Christa for handing out the bidding plates, and I certainly can't forget Javier Morejon and Ralph Hernandez for all their help and entertainment displaying the plants during the bidding.

The words THANK YOU are not big enough. Give yourselves all a big pat on the back for making this auction a grand success.

Thank you all again,
Carol

SFOS Elections

The election of the 2011-2012 SFOS Board of Directors will be held at the May 18, 2011 meeting. It is important that we have a quorum of members to conduct the election. Our officers meet once a month to make important decision regarding shows, meetings and other events for SFOS.. In addition to this meeting they also run our monthly membership meetings. Please attend and show your support for our hard working and dedicated officers.

The SFOS Slate of Officers for 2011-2012 is:

President -- Sally Taylor
1ST VP --Judy Mezey
2ND VP --Carol De Biase
Secretary --Julie Rosenberg
Treasure --Dorothy Bennett

Director's term ending 2014:

Christa Collins, Erna Maxwell, Kathy Whalen

Director's term ending 2013:

Dan Christensen, Javier Morejon, Bonnie Riley

Director term ending 2012:

Marlene Clark, Ralph Hernandez, Angelica Ruggeri

March 2011 Judging Newsletter Report

We had a great plant table again in March. There were 7 - First Place winners and Lore Wigley also received a CCA award. Be sure to bring your plants in May because that will be the last month to earn points toward this year's annual awards.

I want to thank Ron and Julie for bringing lights for judging. They were a big help. We still need a rack for hanging plants. If you have any ideas, please let me know.

I want to apologize to the winners for the lack of pictures in the newsletter. There have been some computer/communication problems. Hopefully the problem will be solved and all your pictures will be in future newsletters.

See you at the auction.
Bonnie

March First Place Winners:

Rlc. Hawaiian Prominence "Carmela"—Gene Stevens
Den. Golden Aya—Dave Foster
Den. aphrodite—Dave Foster
Bro. Leona—Joan and Tony Viggiani
Dtps. Cherry Lips—Pedro Bonetti
Trt. splendidum—Ann Thayer

March Culture and Medal Winner:

Bct. Robert Randall "Jack" CCA/SFOS, 83 points—Lore Wigley



COS BUS TRIP!



On The Road Again! Don't Miss Out!

We have such great fun and get such good bargains on our bus trips that we are doing it again!

Saturday, June 11, 2011

All Day Central Florida Orchid Grower Trip



Krull-Smith Orchids in Apopka

Miranda Orchids in Haines City

June's Orchid Estate in Thonotosassa

Three fabulous growers showing us their nurseries and extending special offers to us.

Important: Leaving Miami at 5:45 am
and Returning by 11 pm

Price includes: Round trip in air-conditioned bus, snacks, lunch, drinks, games, raffles
And fun, fun, fun!!!

Price: **\$45.00** COS Member **\$50.00** Non-Member

Reserve your seat early. Guests Welcome, for more information Call Mirta (786) 242-4715